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Deadline to Apply for Shelter at Home Approaching

Baton Rouge, LA (October 4) – The Governor's Office of Homeland Security and Emergency Preparedness (GOHSEP) urges anyone seeking assistance through the Louisiana Shelter at Home Program to be aware of an important deadline. Homeowners must have a **completed** application into the system by October 15, 2016.

A completed Shelter at Home application contains:

- Proof of Ownership (title, deed, mortgage statement, etc.)
- Proof of Residency (utility bill, etc.)
- State Issued ID
- Signed and completed Right of Entry and Indemnification (ROE) form.

(This registration is separate from registering for FEMA assistance)

Anyone who does not have a signed ROE in the system by the end of the day on October 15 will not be eligible for Shelter at Home. This deadline is not set by the program; it has been established by FEMA, given the application and call volumes that have been monitored the last couple weeks.

For more information on this program, or to apply, please contact 1-800-927-0216. Applications may also be submitted online via www.shelterathome.la.gov. Please note that anyone using the online system to submit an application must call the 800 number to speak to a Case Manager to have their documents uploaded and added to their file.

For applicants who do not have internet capability or the ability to complete their application either over the internet or by phone, we will have representatives in the FEMA Disaster Recovery Centers (DRC) frequently during the next two weeks. You can find the closest DRC at <https://asd.fema.gov/inter/locator/home.htm>.

The Shelter at Home Program evaluates each applicant's home. If up to \$15,000 in temporary repairs can be made to a home creating a safe, secure, habitable place for the family to live while they continue their permanent home rebuilding, then that applicant may be eligible for this program. Contractors and subcontractors involved in the program will perform initial work such as mucking out the house, basic electrical restoration, installing a basic water heater, removing wet wall insulation, and providing up to \$500 in basic cooking or refrigerating appliances. This work will be provided at no out-of-pocket cost to the eligible homeowner. This assistance will not affect determination of any Individual Assistance grant from FEMA.

Program Summary:

Applications: 20,199

Initial Inspections: 6,530

Work Orders Issued: 5,614

Construction Complete: 694

Construction Underway: 4,920

Find out more about the program at www.shelterathome.la.gov or calling 1 (800) 927-0216.

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